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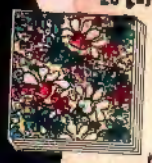

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THE DEVIL WITH WHAT YOUR MEN DON'T LIKE, CORU! LOOK AT THE GREAT ACTION PICTURES I'M GETTING FOR MY PUBLISHER!
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WELL, THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG...
THOSE CROCS SURE HAVE AN INSATIABLE APPETITE!
ALMOST AS INSATIABLE AN APPETITE AS YOU POSSESS, MR. CARTER--FOR CARNAGE!
IT'S THE LAW OF NATURE THAT THE STRONG SURVIVE, CORU! ONLY SOMETIMES NATURE HAS TO BE PUSHED ALONG A LITTLE... HEE HEE HEE!

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LATER THAT SAME AFTERNOON...
CARTER!
?
CORU JUST CAME AND TOLD ME ABOUT THAT ANTELOPE INCIDENT...
WE'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS IT LATER, CHIEF... I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW!
WHA--? THAT NATIVE UP THERE --HE L-LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING READY TO...
TO JUMP! YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT! I OFFERED HIM TEN BUCKS TO DIVE FROM THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN INTO THE OCEAN!
OF COURSE, IF HE SHOULD HAPPEN TO MISS AND LAND ON THOSE REEFS --HEE HEE HEE-- IT WON'T COST ME A CENT!
ARE Y-YOU INSANE?
CORU! SIGNAL THAT MAN TO STAY WHERE HE IS-- QUICKLY!
"TOO LATE, GENTLEMEN! THERE GOES OUR LITTLE BIRD IMITATOR NOW!"
SECONDS LATER...
M-MY GOD!...
THUD
NUTS! HE FOULED IT UP!
BUT I GOT EVERY FOOT OF IT ON FILM, CHIEF!
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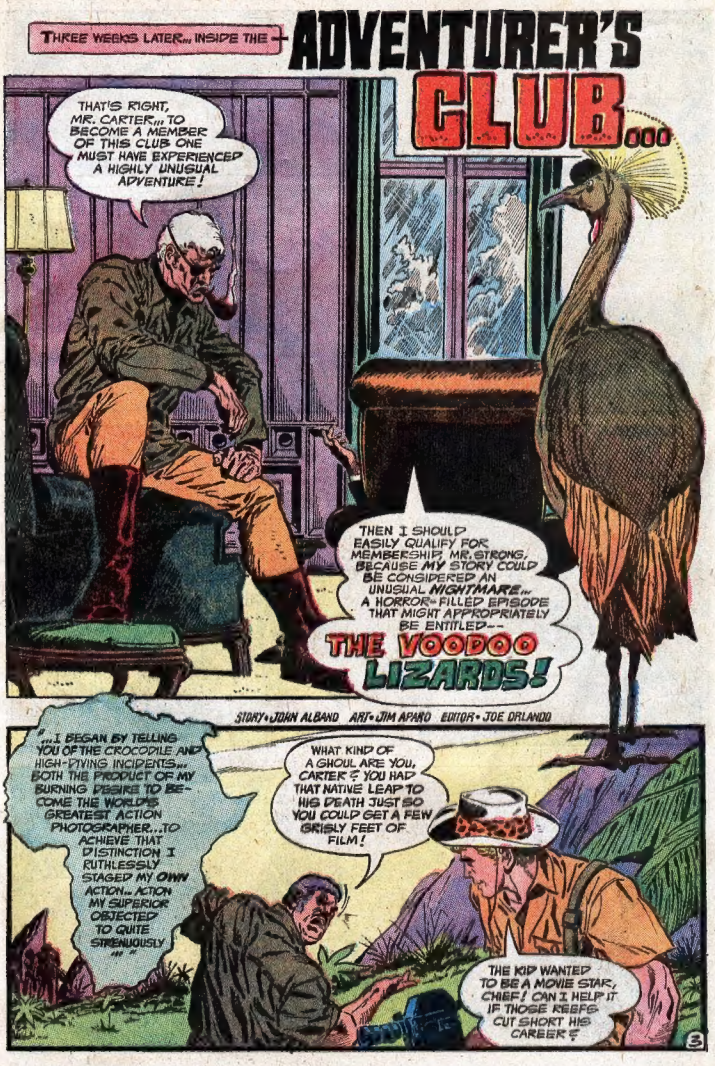
THREE WEEKS LATER... INSIDE THE
ADVENTURER'S CLUB
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. CARTER... TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB ONE MUST HAVE EXPERIENCED A HIGHLY UNUSUAL ADVENTURE!
THEN I SHOULD EASILY QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP, MR. STRONG, BECAUSE MY STORY COULD BE CONSIDERED AN UNUSUAL NIGHTMARE... A HORROR-FILLED EPISODE THAT MIGHT APPROPRIATELY BE ENTITLED--
THE VOODOO LIZARDS!
STORY • JOHN ALBANO ART • JIM APARO EDITOR • JOE ORLANDO
"...I BEGAN BY TELLING YOU OF THE CROCODILE AND HIGH-DIVING INCIDENTS... BOTH THE PRODUCT OF MY BURNING DESIRE TO BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST ACTION PHOTOGRAPHER...TO ACHIEVE THAT DISTINCTION I RUTHLESSLY STAGED MY OWN ACTION... ACTION MY SUPERIOR OBJECTED TO QUITE STRENUOUSLY ... "
WHAT KIND OF A GHOUL ARE YOU, CARTER? YOU HAD THAT NATIVE LEAP TO HIS DEATH JUST SO YOU COULD GET A FEW GRISLY FEET OF FILM!
THE KID WANTED TO BE A MOVIE STAR, CHIEF! CAN I HELP IT IF THOSE REEFS CUT SHORT HIS CAREER?
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"I WAS CERTAIN THAT THE OBJECTIONS JERRY LAMBERT VOICED WERE DUE TO JEALOUSY... HE WAS CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE PUBLISHING FIRM AND I WAS ONLY HIS ASSISTANT, AND JERRY WANTED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY..."
"THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS WE BEGAN FILMING SOME UNFRIENDLY-LOOKING LIONS..."
PSSST! WHERE'RE YOU GOING, CARTER?
UP IN THAT TREE OVER THERE, CHIEF! I WANT TO GET SOME DOWN-ANGLE SHOTS!
"AS SOON AS I'D CLIMBED TO SAFETY..."
NOW LET'S SEE HOW THOSE KILLER BEASTS REACT TO BEING WHACKED WITH A STONE!
HEE HEE HEE! EXACTLY AS I THOUGHT THEY WOULD!
MR. LAMBERT! GET BACK! THEY'RE ATTACKING!
?
KLUNK
WHA--??
TCH, TCH, TCH, SOMEONE REMOVED THE CARTRIDGES FROM CORLIS RIFLE! I WONDER WHO COULD HAVE PERFORMED SUCH A DREADFUL ACT? HEE HEE HEE!
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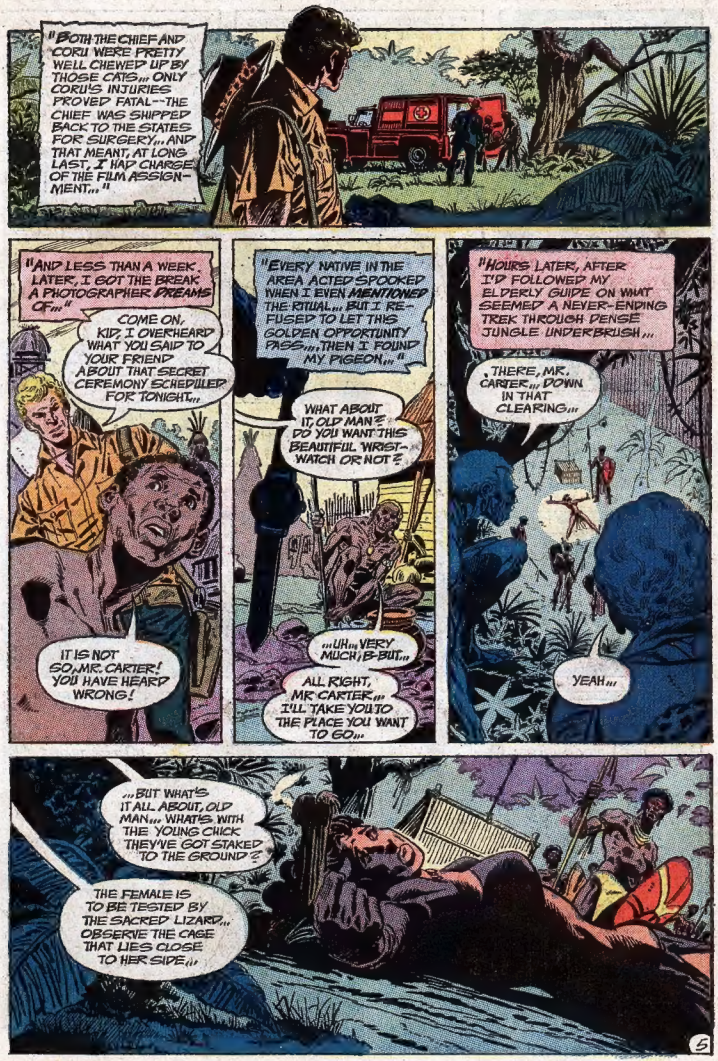
"BOTH THE CHIEF AND CORJI WERE PRETTY WELL CHEWED UP BY THOSE CATS... ONLY CORJI'S INJURIES PROVED FATAL--THE CHIEF WAS SHIPPED BACK TO THE STATES FOR SURGERY... AND THAT MEANT, AT LONG LAST, I HAD CHARGE OF THE FILM ASSIGNMENT..."
"AND LESS THAN A WEEK LATER, I GOT THE BREAK A PHOTOGRAPHER DREAMS OF..."
COME ON, KID, I OVERHEARD WHAT YOU SAID TO YOUR FRIEND ABOUT THAT SECRET CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT...
IT IS NOT SO, MR. CARTER! YOU HAVE HEARD WRONG!
"EVERY NATIVE IN THE AREA ACTED SPOOKED WHEN I EVEN MENTIONED THE RITUAL... BUT I RE-FUSED TO LET THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PASS... THEN I FOUND MY PIGEON..."
WHAT ABOUT IT, OLD MAN? DO YOU WANT THIS BEAUTIFUL WRIST-WATCH OR NOT?
...UH... VERY MUCH)S-BUT...
ALL RIGHT, MR CARTER... I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE PLACE YOU WANT TO GO...
"HOURS LATER, AFTER I'D FOLLOWED MY ELDERLY GUIDE ON WHAT SEEMED A NEVER-ENDING TREK THROUGH DENSE JUNGLE UNDERBRUSH...
THERE, MR. CARTER... DOWN IN THAT CLEARING...
YEAH...
...BUT WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, OLD MAN... WHAT'S WITH THE YOUNG CHICK THEY'VE GOT STAKED TO THE GROUND?
THE FEMALE IS TO BE TESTED BY THE SACRED LIZARD... OBSERVE THE CAGE THAT LIES CLOSE TO HER SIDE...
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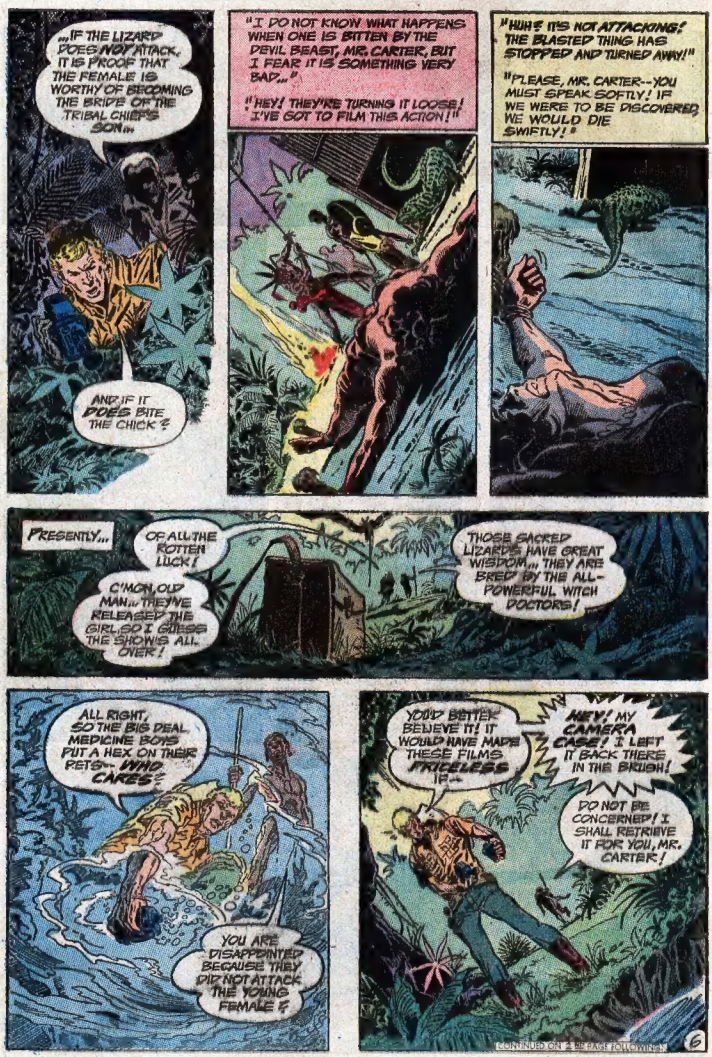
...IF THE LIZARD DOES NOT ATTACK, IT IS PROOF THAT THE FEMALE IS WORTHY OF BECOMING THE BRIDE OF THE TRIBAL CHIEF'S SON...
AND IF IT DOES BITE THE CHICK?
"I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE IS BITTEN BY THE DEVIL BEAST, MR. CARTER, BUT I FEAR IT IS SOMETHING VERY BAD..."
"HEY! THEY'RE TURNING IT LOOSE! I'VE GOT TO FILM THIS ACTION!"
"WHA'S IT'S NOT ATTACKING! THE BLASTED THING HAS STOPPED AND TURNED AWAY!"
"PLEASE, MR. CARTER--YOU MUST SPEAK SOFTLY! IF WE WERE TO BE DISCOVERED, WE WOULD DIE SWIFTLY!"
PRESENTLY...
OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK!
C'MON, OLD MAN... THEY'VE RELEASED THE GIRL, SO I GUESS THE SHOW'S ALL OVER!
THOSE SACRED LIZARDS HAVE GREAT WISDOM... THEY ARE BRED BY THE ALL-POWERFUL WITCH DOCTORS!
ALL RIGHT, SO THE BIG DEAL MEDICINE BOYS PUT A HEX ON THEIR PETS--WHO CARES?
YOU ARE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT ATTACK THE YOUNG FEMALE?
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT! IT WOULD HAVE MADE THESE FILMS PRICELESS IF...
HEY! MY CAMERA CASE! I LEFT IT BACK THERE IN THE BRUSH!
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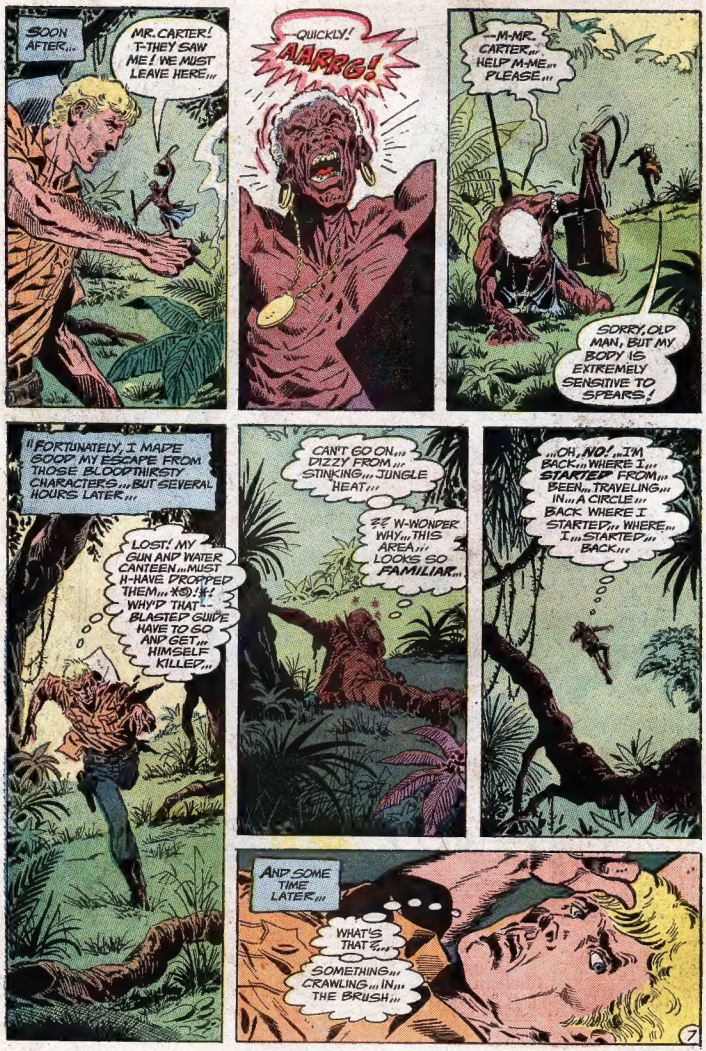
SOON AFTER...
MR. CARTER! T-THEY SAW ME! WE MUST LEAVE HERE!!!
QUICKLY!
AARRG!
--M-MR. CARTER...! HELP M-ME... PLEASE...!!!
SORRY, OLD MAN, BUT MY BODY IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO SPEARS!
"FORTUNATELY, I MADE GOOD MY ESCAPE FROM THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY CHARACTERS... BUT SEVERAL HOURS LATER...
LOST! MY GUN AND WATER CANTEEN... MUST H-HAVE DROPPED THEM... XO!: WHYD' THAT-- BLASTED GUIDE HAVE TO GO AND GET... HIMSELF KILLED!...
CAN'T GO ON... DIZZY FROM... STINKING... JUNGLE HEAT...
ZZ W-WONDER WHY... THIS AREA... LOOKS SO FAMILIAR...
...OH, NO! ...I'M BACK... WHERE I... STARTED FROM... BEEN... TRAVELING... IN... A CIRCLE... BACK WHERE I STARTED... WHERE... I... STARTED... BACK...
AND SOME TIME LATER...
WHAT'S THAT...?
SOMETHING... CRAWLING... IN... THE BRUSH...
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HUH-- A LIZARD!
AND ANOTHER... AND NOW--MOTHER OF GOD, THERE'RE A DOZEN OF 'EM... THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK... A-AND I'M TOO WEAK AND EXHAUSTED TO--!!
AARRG! NO! STO-- YIEEE!
HMMM! AND IT WAS THE FOLLOWING MORNING BEFORE YOU WERE FOUND?
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. STRONG! A HUNTING PARTY DISCOVERED MY UNCONSCIOUS FORM LYING IN THE SAME SPOT WHERE I HAD BEEN ATTACKED!
TELL ME, MR. CARTER... DO YOU BELIEVE THOSE WERE THE LIZARDS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE WITCH DOCTORS?
ABSOLUTELY! OH, I SURVIVED THAT VOODOO LIZARD ATTACK... BUT THEIR BITES ...THAT'S WHAT DID IT...
...THAT'S WHAT CAUSED MY FACE TO CHANGE AND LOOK LIKE THIS, MR. STRONG!
THE END

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A FIERY DAWN WARMS THE RUSTIC WESTERN TOWN OF *COOLWATER*—ON A MORNING INTERRUPTED BY THE SHARP CRACKS OF GUNFIRE...

CUT AND PRINT!
A NICE TAKE, WADE!
GLAD WE GOT IT RIGHT! VOGEL ALWAYS COMPLAINS IF HE HAS TO DO THE SAME STUNT-FALL TWICE!
LOOK--OVER HERE!

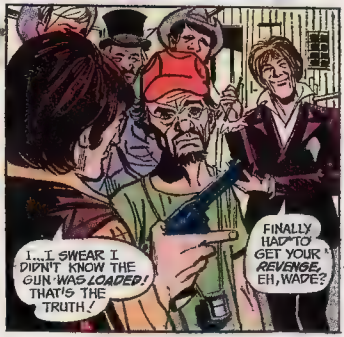
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? DID VOGEL CRACK A FEW RIBS?
IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW. THIS MAN IS *DEAD!* HE WAS SHOT WITH *REAL* BULLETS!
NO! IT CAN'T BE!

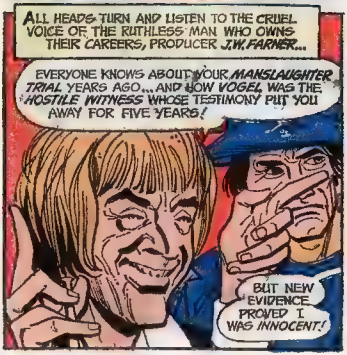
YOU ARE ON THE SET OF A WESTERN MOVIE--AND ON THE SCENE OF A COLD-BLOODED KILLING! THE CRIME HAS BEEN RECORDED ON FILM... BUT WHAT GOES ON *BEHIND* THE CAMERAS IS FAR MORE RUTHLESS, AS *THE VIGILANTE* WILL FIND OUT WHEN HE'S TRAPPED IN...

"The SLAYING TOWN!"

B-BUT MY GUN SHOULD'VE BEEN LOADED WITH BLANKS!
YOU'VE GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO, WADE!
A CLEAR-CUT CASE OF MURDER ...OR IS IT?
WHO IS THE SILENT SPECTATOR WITH THE QUESTION?

--THE BANDANNAED LONER KNOWN AS VIGILANTE! A MAN WITH AN UNRELENTING VENDETTA AGAINST CRIME OF ALL KINDS!
THE TRAIL OF A SMUGGLING RING I'M TRACKIN' LED TO THIS MOVIE SET... BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO WITNESS A KILLING!
I'LL KEEP READIN' LIPS AND SEE WHAT I CAN PICK UP!


I...I SWEAR I DIDN'T KNOW THE GUN WAS LOADED! THAT'S THE TRUTH!
FINALLY HAD TO GET YOUR REVENGE, EH, WADE?


ALL HEADS TURN AND LISTEN TO THE CRUEL VOICE OF THE RUTHLESS MAN WHO OWNS THEIR CAREERS, PRODUCER J.W. FARNER...
EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT YOUR MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL YEARS AGO... AND HOW VOGEL WAS THE HOSTILE WITNESS WHOSE TESTIMONY PUT YOU AWAY FOR FIVE YEARS!
BUT NEW EVIDENCE PROVED I WAS INNOCENT!

ALL THE MORE REASON TO HATE VOGEL ENOUGH TO KILL HIM!
PUT WADE IN THE TOWN JAIL FOR NOW, BOYS! I'LL CALL THE AUTHORITIES!
SHERIFF
NO! I'M BEING FRAMED! SOMEBODY, BELIEVE ME!
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HMMMM... LOOKS LIKE THE COWBOY STAR, WADE PRESTON, HAD A MOTIVE TO SHOOT FOR KEEPS--
BUT I DON'T THINK HE HAD THE STUPIDITY TO DO IT IN FRONT OF A DOZEN WITNESSES!
I SUSPECTED THINGS WERE CROOKED IN COOLWATER... NOW I'M SURE OF IT! I GOT A HUNCH THERE'S REAL VARMINTS IN THIS TOWN WHO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK OFF-CAMERA!
THINK I'LL MOSEY AROUND SOME MORE!
LATER THAT AFTERNOON...
WE CAN WRITE OFF VOGEL! HE SHOULDN'T HAVE WANTED A BIGGER CUT OF THE OPERATION!
THE FOOL SEALED HIS OWN DEATH WARRANT WHEN HE DID!
LUCKILY, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO PULL IN A PRO KILLER FROM THE SYNDICATE--
--THANKS TO OUR STAR, WADE PRESTON!
A BRILLIANT STROKE, J.W.-- CASHING IN ON THAT OLD COURT CASE-- AND HAVING ME PLANT REAL BULLETS IN WADE'S GUN BE-FORE TODAY'S SHOOTING SCHEDULE!
SOME JOKE!
THOSE LAUGHS WILL BE STUCK IN THEIR CRAWS, SOON AS I GET EVIDENCE ON THEIR CROOKED OPERATION!
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UNEXPECTEDLY...
SNAP!
MUH LASSO'S BEEN CUT!
OOOF!
HAPPY LANDIN', STRANGER!
THUMP!
YOU MAY BE DRESSED LIKE A COWBOY... BUT I'LL LAY ODDS YOU DON'T BELONG HERE! YOU AN' ME ARE GONNA TELL MR. FARNER HOW YOU WERE SNOOPING!
HAFTA MAKE MUH MOVE!
--NOW OR NEVER!
HEYYY!
HOP
MUST GET TO PRESTON! HE'S BEEN LOCKED AWAY AGAIN FOR A CRIME HE DIDN'T COMMIT!
THWOK
UGH!
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SOON, IN THE COOLWATER JAIL....
YORE MUH FAVORITE MOVIE STAR, MR. PRESTON... BUT I HAD TO LOCK YUH UP!
I DON'T LIKE FARNER ANY MORE'N YOU DO... BUT RIGHT NOW THE LAW'S ON HIS SIDE!
I'M NOT WORRIED, SHERIFF!
WITHOUT WARNING...
SORRY, SHERIFF, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THE BRAND OF MEN WE'RE UP AGAINST!
EH?
SOON, IN J.W. FARNER'S SUITE...
...AND THE PROWLER WORE A RED SCARF OVER HIS FACE...
IDIOT! THE VIGILANTE WEARS A SCARF LIKE THAT! HE'S HERE... IN COOLWATER!
JUST GOT WORD-- VIGILANTE BUSTED PRESTON OUT OF JAIL!
SPLENDID! NOW WE DON'T NEED THE FORMALITY OF PRESTON STANDING TRIAL!
WE'LL SHOOT HIM AND VIGILANTE ON SIGHT-- FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE... HA, HA!
THAT MASKED MEDDLER IS UNWITTINGLY HELPING US!
MEANWHILE, AFTER LEAVING THE SHERIFF SAFELY LOCKED INSIDE HIS OWN JAIL...
...BUT I'M INNOCENT! A MAN ON THE RUN LOOKS GUILTY!
DON'T BE A FOOL, PRESTON! FARNER'S MEN WILL KILL YOU FIRST CHANCE THEY GET!
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I STILL GOT MY DOUBTS ABOUT YOU, VIGILANTE!
A GLIMPSE OF SHADOW IN FRONT OF PRESTON...MUST BE FROM THE ROOF!
-GULP- THAT MAN WAS ABOUT TO SHOOT ME IN THE BACK!
F-FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE THE BOSS!
SLAM
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'! KEEP YORE EYES PEELED FOR ANYTHING THAT MOVES!
IF WE CAN MAKE IT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...WE HAVE A CHANCE!
I'VE BEEN ON THE RUN IN A LOT OF MOVIES... BUT THIS TIME I'M PLAYING IT FOR REAL!
SILENTLY, CUNNINGLY, THE TWO MEN STALK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE RUSTIC BUILDINGS—TACKLING TROUBLE WHERE THEY FIND IT...
WON'T SHOOT UNLESS I HAVE TO! A GUNSHOT, WILL GIVE AWAY WHERE WE ARE!
I READ YOU, VIGILANTE!
UNTIL...
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF THIS, FRIEND...JUST A FEW MORE STEPS!
OVER THERE! I SEE THEM!

RUSH 'EM! AND SHOOT TO KILL!
QUICK AS A SPARK, VIGILANTE REACTS...
INSTANTLY, THE HUGE OUTDOOR LIGHTS SET THE AIR ABLAZE WITH THOUSANDS OF WATTS...
YIEEE! MY EYES!
NNNNGGGHH!
C-CAN'T SEE!
MEANWHILE, AMID THE CHAOS...
AH! SO THIS IS WHAT WE CAME AFTER!
LET'S PEEL OUT OF HERE!
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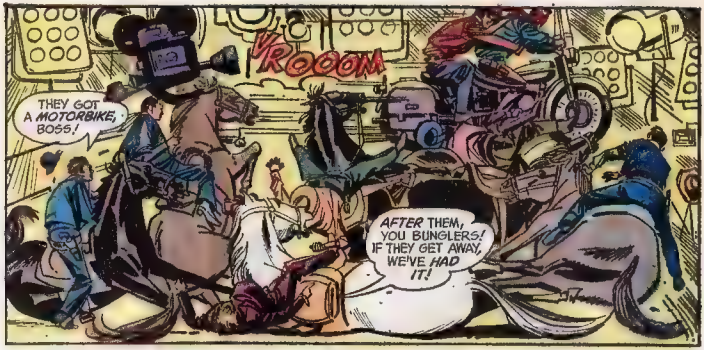
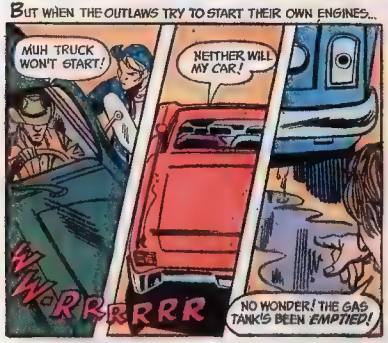
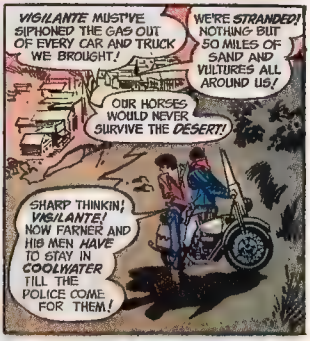

ROOOM
THEY GOT A MOTORBIKE, BOSS!
AFTER THEM, YOU BUNGLERS! IF THEY GET AWAY, WE'VE HAD IT!


BUT WHEN THE OUTLAWS TRY TO START THEIR OWN ENGINES...
MUH TRUCK WON'T START!
NEITHER WILL MY CAR!
RRRRRR
NO WONDER! THE GAS TANKS BEEN EMPTIED!


VIGILANTE MUST'VE SIPHONED THE GAS OUT OF EVERY CAR AND TRUCK WE BROUGHT!
WE'RE STRANDED! NOTHING BUT 50 MILES OF SAND AND VULTURES ALL AROUND US!
OUR HORSES WOULD NEVER SURVIVE THE DESERT!
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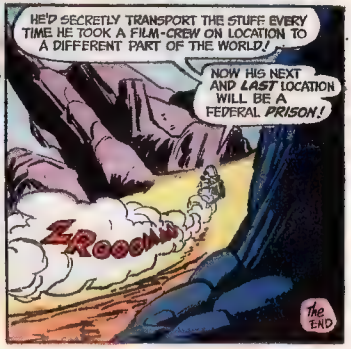
THAT BAG---IT LOOKS LIKE DIAMONDS!
I FOUND DOZENS LIKE IT HIDDEN IN THE GAS TANKS OF FARNER'S CARS! HE WAS USING HIS MOVIE COMPANY AS A FRONT FOR SMUGGLING!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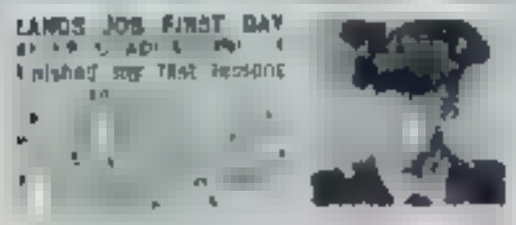

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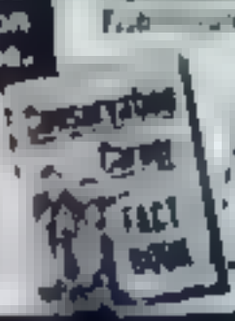

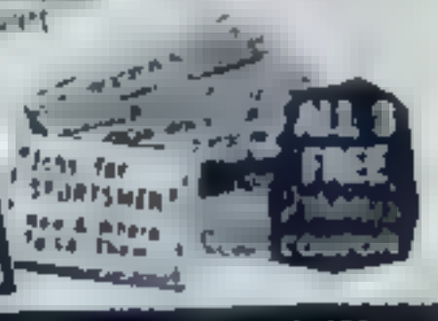

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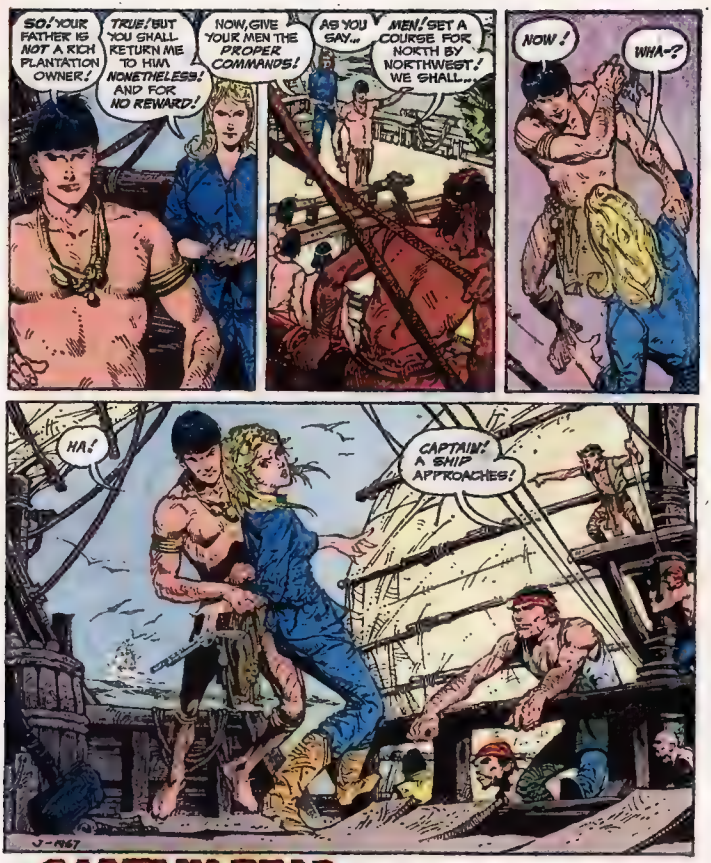
SO! YOUR FATHER IS NOT A RICH PLANTATION OWNER!
TRUE! BUT YOU SHALL RETURN ME TO HIM NONETHELESS! AND FOR NO REWARD!
NOW, GIVE YOUR MEN THE PROPER COMMANDS!
AS YOU SAY...
MEN! SET A COURSE FOR NORTH BY NORTHWEST! WE SHALL...
NOW!
WHA-?
HA!
CAPTAIN! A SHIP APPROACHES!
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CAPTAIN FEAR in "HIS DAUGHTER'S KEEPER!"

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CAPTAIN! THEY'RE FIRING ON US!
HERE! TAKE THIS GIRL BELOW! LOCK HER IN THE HOLD!
MAN ALL GUNS! HURRY!
JUST THEN...
AND ABOARD THE OTHER SHIP...
HOLD YOUR FIRE, YOU FOOLS! YOU MIGHT HIT MY DAUGHTER!
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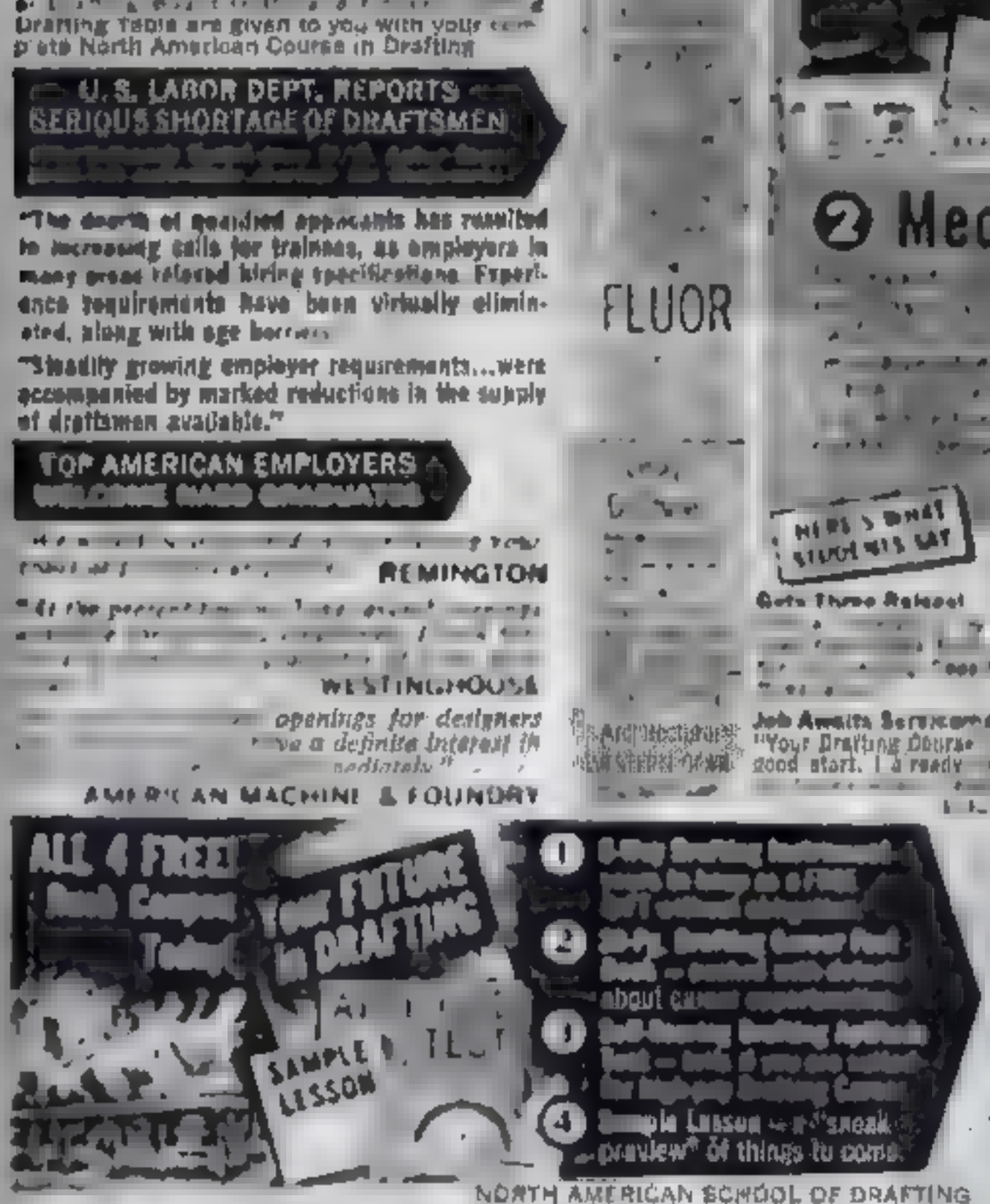

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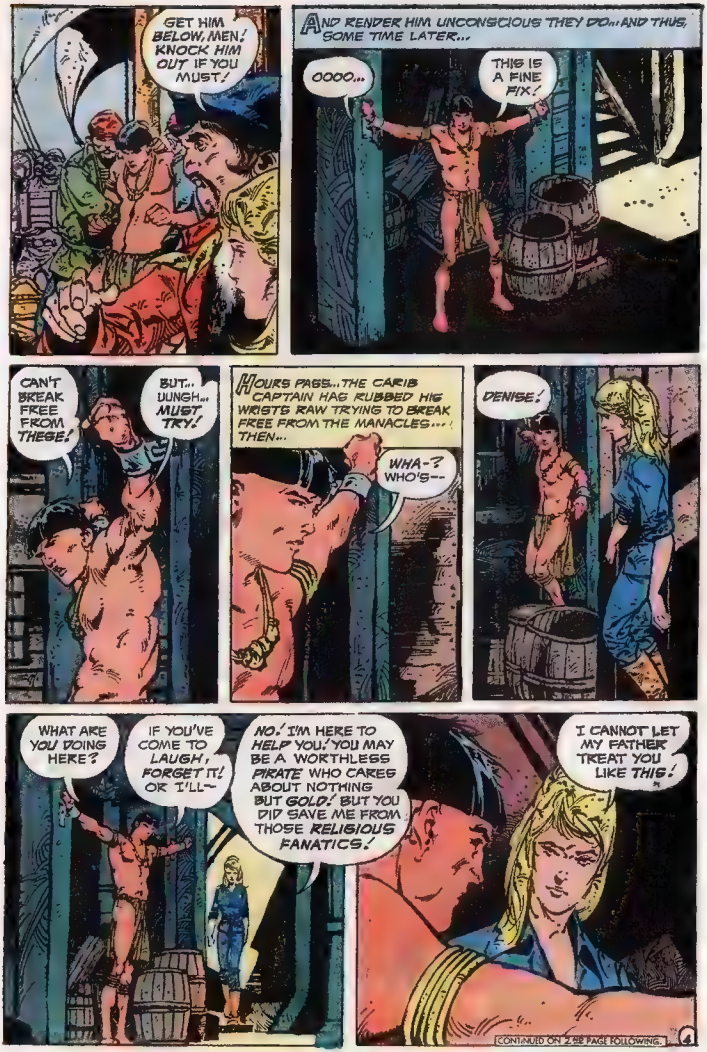
QUICKLY, MEN...
THEIR SHIP IS SINKING FAST!
DEFEAT THEM! I WANT MY DAUGHTER!
... AND THEIR CARGO AS WELL!
CAPTAIN FEAR, THE CARIB INDIAN PIRATE, FIGHTS HARD WITH BOTH CUTLASS AND KNIFE!
HIS USUAL WEAPON, THE WEAPON OF HIS PEOPLE, A BOW AND ARROW, IS QUITE USELESS AT SUCH CLOSE QUARTERS!
BUT, THOUGH HE AND HIS MEN ARE SUPERIOR SWORDSMEN, SUPERIOR FIGHTERS, THEY ARE STILL GREATLY OUTNUMBERED...
...AND FINALLY...
WHY DO YOU STOP? KILL ME IF YOU WISH!
NO! I WISH HIM TAKEN PRISONER!
...BRING THE PRISONERS ABOARD! AND THEN, RETURN FOR THE CARGO!
QUICKLY! THERE IS LITTLE TIME LEFT!


GET HIM BELOW, MEN! KNOCK HIM OUT IF YOU MUST!
AND RENDER HIM UNCONSCIOUS THEY DO... AND THUS, SOME TIME LATER...
OOOO..
THIS IS A FINE FIX!
CAN'T BREAK FREE FROM THESE!
BUT... UNGH... MUST TRY!
HOURS PASS... THE CARIB CAPTAIN HAS RUBBED HIS WRISTS RAW TRYING TO BREAK FREE FROM THE MANACLES... THEN...
WHA-? WHO'S--
DENISE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IF YOU'VE COME TO LAUGH, FORGET IT! OR I'LL~
NO! I'M HERE TO HELP YOU; YOU MAY BE A WORTHLESS PIRATE WHO CARES ABOUT NOTHING BUT GOLD! BUT YOU DID SAVE ME FROM THOSE RELIGIOUS FANATICS!
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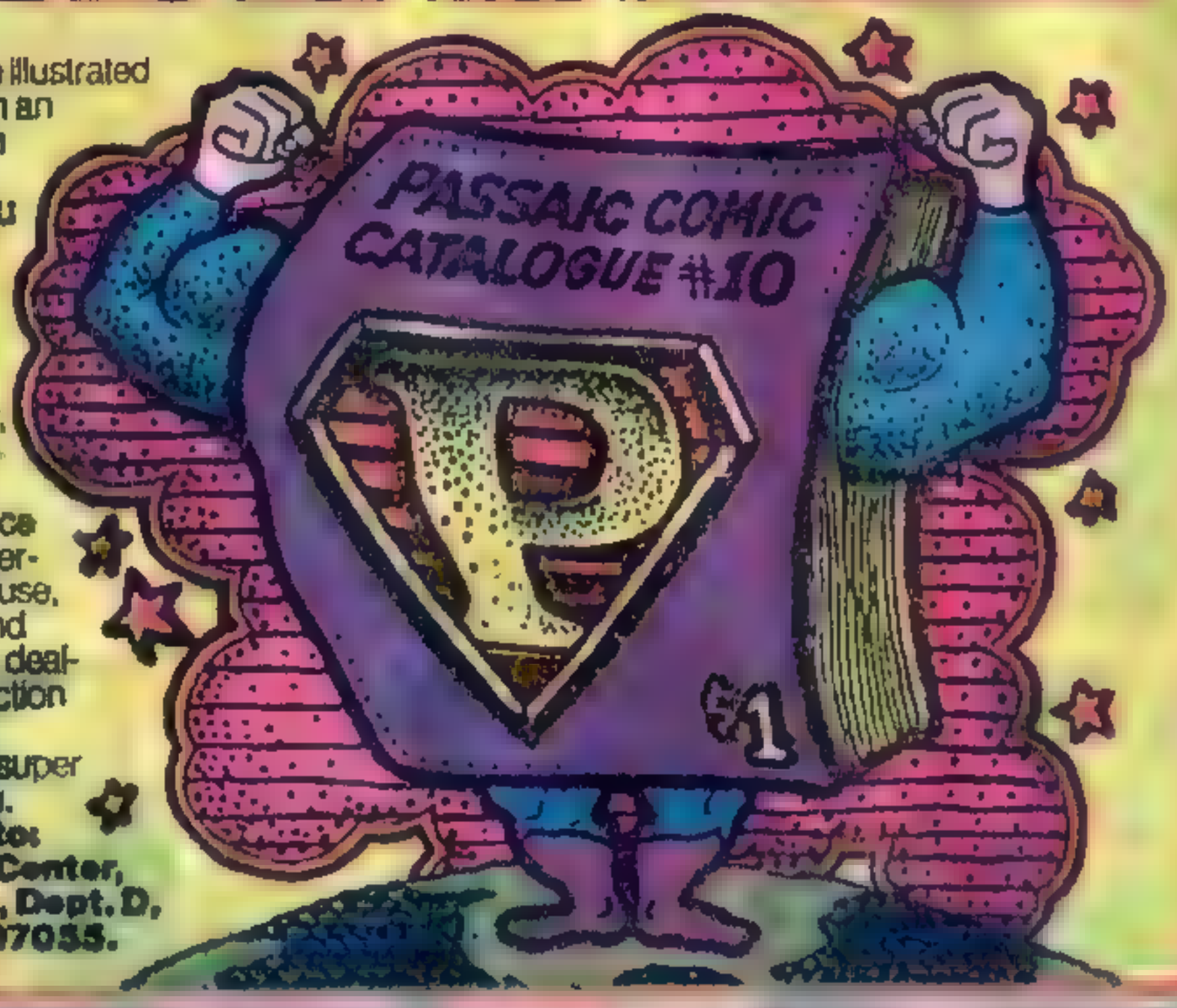
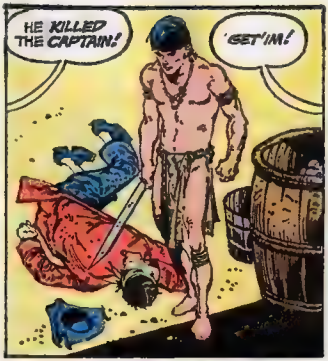
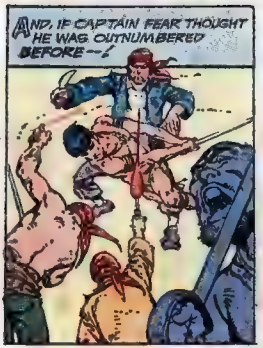


CLICK!
I LET YOU LOOSE, SO THAT YOU COULD ESCAPE FROM THIS SHIP!
BUT...HERE! JUST IN CASE ANYONE SEES YOU BEFORE YOU CAN GET OVERBOARD!
ARE YOU TRYING TO PLACE ME IN YOUR DEBT, FAIR MAIDEN?
OOP!
SO!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO ESCAPE? OR... COULD YOU BE PLANNING TO KILL ME AND TAKE COMMAND OF MY SHIP?
NO MATTER! YOU WILL SUCCEED AT NEITHER!
INSTEAD YOU SHALL DIE!
HA!


HE KILLED THE CAPTAIN!
GET 'IM!

THEY CLOSE IN...


AND, IF CAPTAIN FEAR THOUGHT HE WAS OUTNUMBERED BEFORE--!

STOP! THIS FIGHTING MUST CEASE! I DO NOT WANT THAT MAN HARMED!

I AM YOUR CAPTAIN NOW! YOU SHALL DO AS I SAY!
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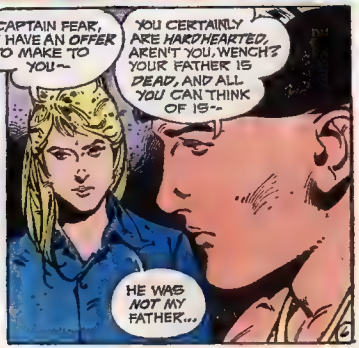
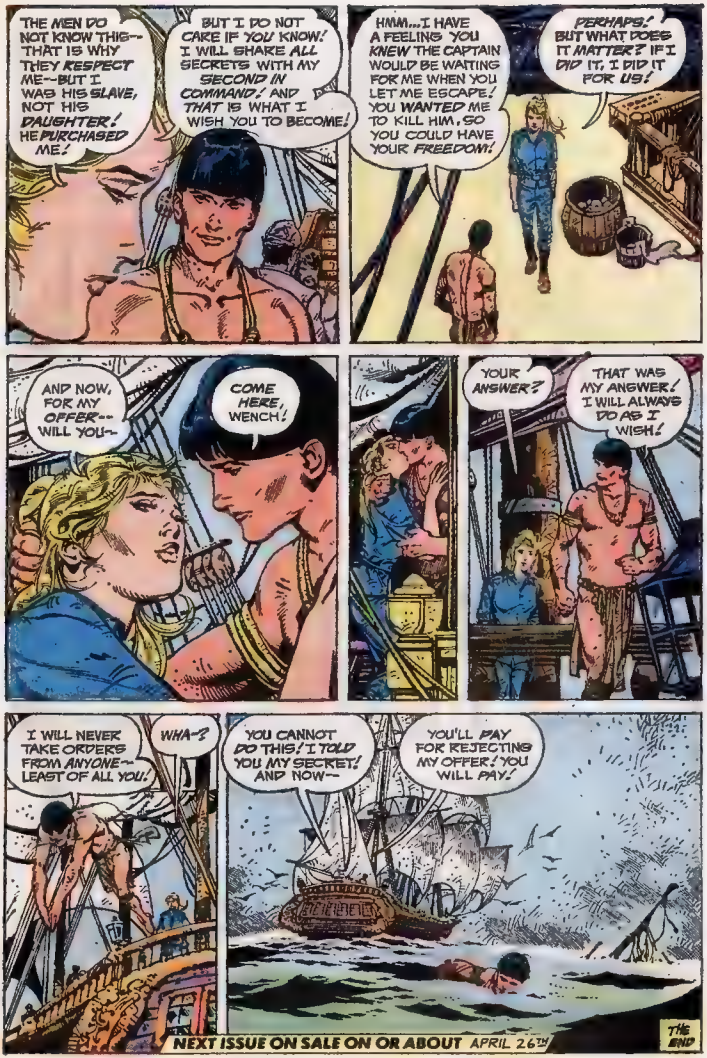
CAPTAIN FEAR--I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU!


CAPTAIN FEAR, I HAVE AN OFFER TO MAKE TO YOU--
YOU CERTAINLY ARE HARDHEARTED, AREN'T YOU, WENCH? YOUR FATHER IS DEAD, AND ALL YOU CAN THINK OF IS--
HE WAS NOT MY FATHER...


THE MEN DO NOT KNOW THIS--THAT IS WHY THEY RESPECT ME--BUT I WAS HIS SLAVE, NOT HIS DAUGHTER! HE PURCHASED ME!
BUT I DO NOT CARE IF YOU KNOW! I WILL SHARE ALL SECRETS WITH MY SECOND IN COMMAND! AND THAT IS WHAT I WISH YOU TO BECOME!
HMM...I HAVE A FEELING YOU KNEW THE CAPTAIN WOULD BE WAITING FOR ME WHEN YOU LET ME ESCAPE! YOU WANTED ME TO KILL HIM, SO YOU COULD HAVE YOUR FREEDOM!
PERHAPS! BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER? IF I DID IT, I DID IT FOR US!
AND NOW, FOR MY OFFER--WILL YOU--
COME HERE, WENCH!
YOUR ANSWER?
THAT WAS MY ANSWER! I WILL ALWAYS DO AS I WISH!
I WILL NEVER TAKE ORDERS FROM ANYONE--LEAST OF ALL, YOU!
WHA--?
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Dear Readers:

We expected mixed reactions to the first issue of the New ADVENTURE COMICS, and we certainly did get them!

Most readers offered suggestions concerning the features they'd like to see in the New Adventure Comics. Rather than print them all, we'll mention most of them at the end of this letter col. So, readers, here are your letters.

Dear Joe:

Adventure #425 was beautiful. The three stories were well written and the art was the best that can be found in comics today, what with Toth, Kane, and the unique Nino. The two pager "Prior Warning" was rather trite, like something out of the late '50's. "Sword of Death" had to be the most enjoyable story to any Kane afficianado (like me) because of its similarity to Kane's "Blackmark."

Steve DaFoe
Spotswood, N.J.

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Dear Joe:

Man, have you ruined a good magazine with Adventure #425. Captain Fear will never make it, especially with that poor artwork. I was looking forward to #425 because you had indicated it would include characters who don't appear in their own magazines.

B.R. Evans
Trenton, N.J.

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Dear Joe:

When I first heard that Supergirl was moving to her own magazine and that Adventure would be starting on a new tack, I was overjoyed. My satisfaction, however, did not survive the first page of Adventure #425. Adventure Comics a bi-monthly? To degrade a comic that has run for over thirty years and more issues than any comic but Detective by having it go bi-monthly is horrible. It's worse than horrible; it's disgraceful.

The comic itself was just marginally good. Mike Kaluta's cover was excellent. So was Alex Nino's art in the Captain Fear story. I really enjoy his style. The other three stories were standard and could just as easily have appeared in House of Mystery.

What Adventure needs are three or four continuing features, and Captain Fear can do for one of them (for awhile, at least).

Michael Sloan
Briarcliff, N.Y.

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Dear Joe:

Wanted to congratulate you on taking over Adventure. My mouth is watering already at the prospects for the future. I know the Kane thing was a leftover (but powerful), but with the miraculous, all-encompassing Alexes, how could you go wrong?

Toth's breakdowns and black shadings are as mesmerizing as ever. And this wild and woolly Nino is shaping up as the best of your exciting new artists. His close-ups and angles and compositions stand on their own—innovative and compelling.

Kudos to Kanigher as well: "Captain Fear" should be a winner. A Carib pirate and avenging angel—the mind boggles.

It's a whole new ballgame for Adventure, and you've built up a big lead in the very first inning.

Ed Leimbacher
Seattle, Wash.

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Dear Joe:

It's sad to see the venerable Adventure Comics go bi-monthly since it has been monthly for over thirty years.

The cover was obviously modeled after those of the Golden Age, with the huge title logo blocked off from the main scene.

"The Wings Of A Jealous God" was quite good. The story by Lynn Marron was well thought out, and Alex Toth's layouts were superb, even though he must learn to use more detail. He's improving, though. "Prior Warning" was also good, even though I guessed the ending.

"Death Rides With Evlig" definitely had the best art in the issue. It's nice to see Gil Kane back at DC, and his inks have improved greatly since those 1967 Green Lantern stories he did. The story, on the other hand, was nothing but a stereotyped ghost tale.

On to Captain Fear . . . the strip that you seem to have highest hopes for. I can't tell if they're justified yet, as I've learned through experience that the origin story is often no indication of what the series will be like. But I do think the story was good, nothing spectacular, but still good. The art was very bad, though—particularly the inking.

Yes, a good issue—but not the sort of thing I was expecting.

Richard Morrissey
Framingham, Maine

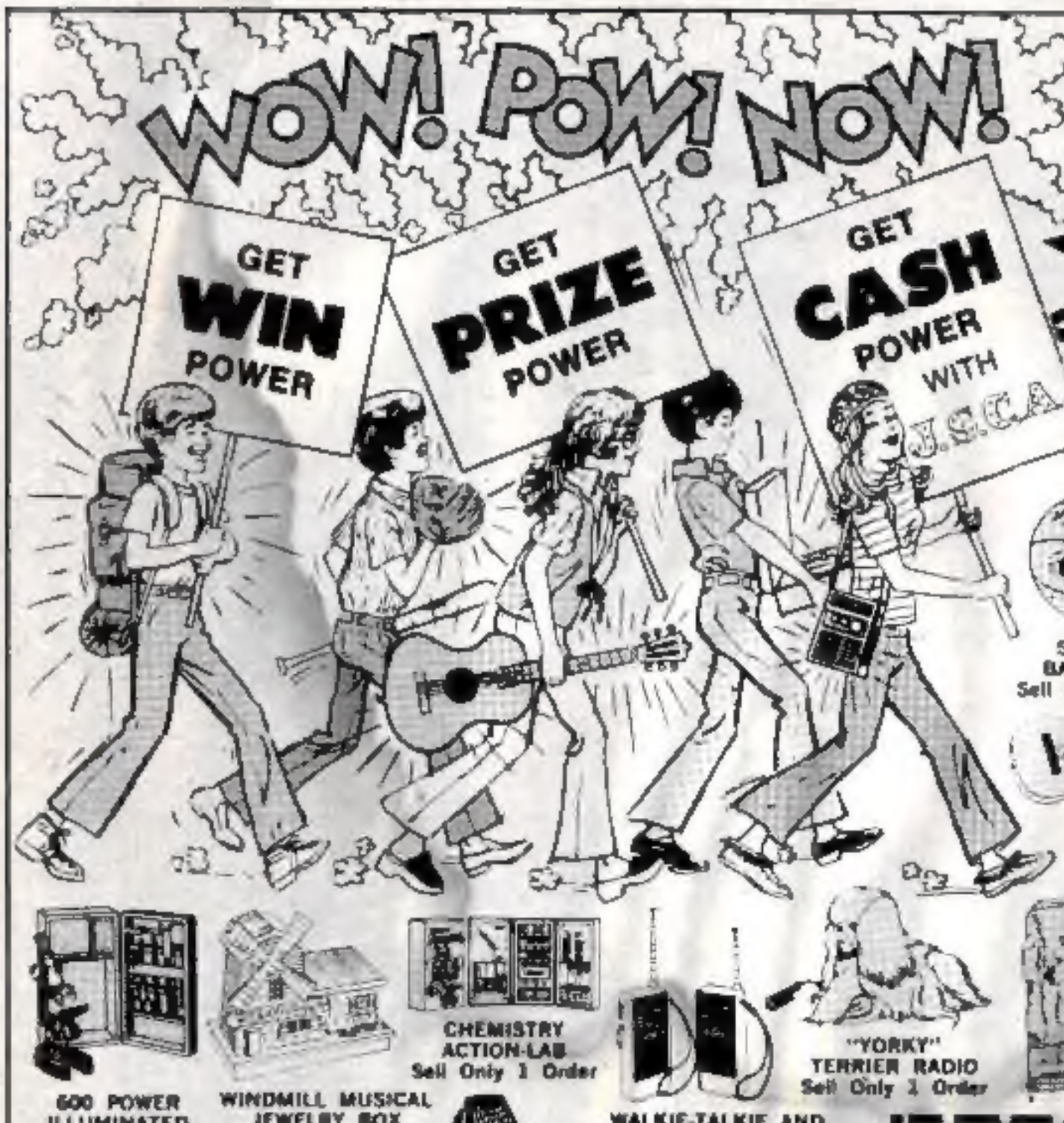
Dear Readers:

And so the comments went.

Most of you requested characters like Vigilante, Black Canary, Legion of Super Heroes, Deadman, Atom, Hawkman, etc. Vigilante has appeared, and he will appear again. Black Canary and the rest are being considered very strongly—and that includes Deadman, for all you fans of the avenging ghost. Atom and Hawkman are currently appearing in Detective Comics, and the Legion is appearing in Superboy and in their own title. And we also hear rumors from Murray Boltinoff, their editor, that there is a full-length Legion story being planned for Superboy right now.

We also have other heroes in mind . . . some you are familiar with, others who are new and very different.

We hope you will continue to buy Adventure and to write to us, telling us what YOU would like to see. That is the ONLY way we'll be able to select the features for this book. Our address is: Dateline Adventure: c/o National Periodical Pub., 909 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. See you in two months.



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